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Mr. David Johnson Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Program 600 Capitol Way Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear David:

I am pleased to announce your official selection as a member of the Technical Recovery Team (TRT) for the Interior Columbia Basin recovery domain. Formation of this TRT is part of a comprehensive effort by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to develop a strong scientific basis for salmon recovery planning throughout the west coast. Your background and experience with freshwater habitat for salmon and steelhead, in conjunction with the expertise of others on the team, will ensure that the TRT has the skills necessary to tackle the very challenging technical tasks the team will address.

Robin Waples will contact you soon to confirm your availability to serve on the team and to discuss the TRT meeting schedule, travel arrangements, and funding support for TRT work products. Please contact him (206-860-3254) to discuss any questions you may have.

Thank you for your interest in this important process, and best wishes in your work.

Very truly yours,

Usha Varanasi, Ph.D.

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